

**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure – Art Unit 1743**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

FUJII *et al.*

Appl. No.: 10/626,828

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**For: Dispensing Device, Dispensing
Method and Method of Detecting
Defective Discharge of Solution
Containing Biological Sample**

Confirmation No.: 8717

Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: Paul Sang Hwa Hyun

Atty. Docket: 1089.0490000/MAC/JHH

Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 13, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.